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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicant: Ioan Cosmescu

Serial No.: 09/192,887

Filing Date November 16, 1998

Title: AUTOMATIC FLUID CONTROL SYSTEM
FOR USE IN OPEN AND LAPAROSCOPIC
LASER SURGERY AND ELECTROSURGERY
AND METHOD THEREFOR



Docket No.: 30359.0417

Examiner: D. Cho

Art Unit: 3761

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Dear Sir:

In Response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 22, 2000, the period of response for which is hereby extended by one month to January 22, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 50-75:

50. (NEW) A manual fluid control system for surgical lasers and electrosurgery apparatus, for both open and laparoscopic procedures, comprising, in combination:
at least one fluid irrigation container;

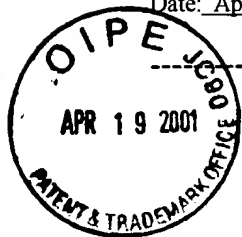
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Honorable Commissioner:

In Response to the Examiner's Communication dated April 10, 2001, Applicant hereby submits an additional copy of its Amendment and Response to Office Action dated January 22, 2001. The enclosed copy includes page 7 of the Remarks section which was missing from the originally filed Amendment and Response. Applicant apologizes for the oversight.

Respectfully submitted,

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